(c) if so, by what time?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The Scheme of Revision of Pay Scales announced on 22-7-1988 provides that Lecturers who complete 8 years in the senior scale, as well as existing Lecturers having total service of 16 years or more will be eligible for promotion/placement to the post of Reader/Lecturer Selection Grade (both in the scale of Rs. (3700-5700). Only those persons who, inter-alia, have a Ph.D. degree are eligible for promotion as Reader. Those who do not possess Ph.D. degree but otherwise fulfil the prescribed requirements are to be designated as Lecturer Selection Grade. They could offer themselves for a fresh assessment after obtaining Ph.D. and if found suitable would be given the designation of Reader.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Financial Assistance to Kerala Government for Expansion of Ambedkar Villages

1534. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have given any financial assistance to the Government of Kerala for expansion of Ambedkar villages;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have issued any directions to the Government of Kerala for the modifications of Ambedkar villages; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Rs. 81 lakhs were sanctioned in 1990-91 for the Government of Kerala for the integrated development of rural habitats of Scheduled Castes into model settlements known as 'Ambedkar Gramams'.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Mid-day-Meal Programme for Schools

1535. SHRI S.S.R. RAJENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to implement mid-day meal programme for children throughout the country; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to name the scheme after the name of Late Shri M. G. Ramachandran?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) There is at present no concrete proposal to implement a Mid-day Meal Programme for school children throughout the country.

(b) Does not arise.

Central Wakf Council

1536. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to amend the Wakf Act further to bring it in line with the recommendations of the Central Wakf Council and the Working Group of Muslim MPs;

(b) whether the Government propose to promulgate the non-controversial provisions of the Wakf Act as demanded by various Muslim organisations and institutions;

(c) whether the Government of Haryana has demanded bifurcation of